

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Original) A method for producing a viral vector comprising a membrane protein that binds to sialic acid, comprising the steps of culturing cells producing the viral vector in the presence of a neuraminidase derived from a Gram-positive bacterium, and recovering the produced virus.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said Gram-positive bacterium is an actinomycete.
3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein said actinomycete belongs to the Micromonosporaceae family .
4. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein said actinomycete belonging to the Micromonosporaceae family is *Micromonospora viridifaciens*.
5. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1, wherein said viral vector is a retroviral vector.
6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein said retroviral vector is a lentiviral vector.

7. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 6~~ claim 1, wherein said membrane protein that binds to sialic acid is an envelope protein of a single stranded negative strand RNA virus.

8. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein said single stranded negative strand RNA virus is a virus belonging to the Paramyxoviridae or Orthomyxoviridae family.

9. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 6~~ claim 1, wherein said membrane protein that binds to sialic acid is an HA protein of an influenza virus.

10. (Currently Amended) A virus produced using the method ~~according to any one of claims 1 to 9~~ of claim 1.

11. (New) A virus produced using the method of claim 2.

12. (New) A virus produced using the method of claim 3.

13. (New) A virus produced using the method of claim 4.

14. (New) A virus produced using the method of claim 5.
15. (New) A virus produced using the method of claim 6.
16. (New) A virus produced using the method of claim 7.
17. (New) A virus produced using the method of claim 8.
18. (New) A virus produced using the method of claim 9.